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1. The Impol copper and brass factory is located in the environs of Gornja Bistrica along the highway connecting the town with Slovenska Bistrica. Before the war this factory produced nails but during the war the Germans added a furnace and machinery for drawing and molding smelted copper and brass.
2. The two copper smelter furnaces smelt 15,000 kilograms of copper in the large furnace and 800 kilograms in the small furnace in eight hours. There are four small gas furnaces which produce 100 kilograms of brass per hour.
3. Copper is supplied from the Bor mines. The copper plates are made and shaped in the rolling mill where there are five machines. The plates are cut into ingots which are later made into tubes. Cannon barrels of 12, 15, 20 and 21 cm are made at the Impol factory. The production of the factory is usually sent to Belgrade, Topcider, Jakovica and Sarajevo factory.
4. A special section produces copper wire one and two cm in diameter. Copper wire for high tension wires for use in Yugoslavia is produced here.
5. About 1,000 workers are employed at the factory. Electricity is produced by the Maribor Otok power station although gas is used principally at the factory. There is a two meter high fence surrounding three sides of the factory and a stream on the eastern side which supplies water for use in the smeltery.

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